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Subject: Fwd: End of Day -- May 23, 2016

Note Honda item

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MEDIA

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Mother Jones: Reporter Julia Lurie has follow up questions regarding AZ Windsong. Coordinating with ENF, WTR & ADEQ to ensure consistent messaging: OPEN Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan ENF/WTR

Jewish Journal LA: Reporter Deborah Schoch has questions about Jewish summer camp that borders on Santa Susana site. Coordinating with DTSC after today's call to develop answers: OPEN Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan SF

La Opinión: Contacted reporter Jorge Macias about the title of his story on the San Gabriel Valley (Area 1) Superfund Site. Sent him additional information about air sampling results and procedures to update his story. CLOSED. SFUND. (v.) Soledad Calvino.

Daily Courier (Prescott, AZ) and **The Tribune** (San Luis Obispo, CA): Sent pitch regarding Greater Research Opportunities (GRO) Fellowships from HQ ORD. Soledad Calvino.

NBC Bay Area (KNTV): Producer Liz Wagner requested a phone interview with Lily Lee regarding EPA superfund cleanup guidelines. This is in regards to NBC Bay Area's series of reports on the cleanup of the Hunters Point Shipyard. The interview will be on background and is scheduled for May 25. SF (v) OPEN: Michele Huitric

Mountain View Voice: Reporter Mark Noack has questions about repair plans for Hangar 1 at Moffett Field. He also requested an interview on background re: Middlefield-Ellis-Whisman (MEW) Study Area. Worked with the program to provide written response and a copy of the pilot study work plan for the Hangar One structure. The background interview is scheduled for May 26. SF (v) OPEN: Michele Huitric

KQED: Reporter Ted Goldberg requested information on the Tracy oil spill. Provided a written response stating that EPA had sent two OSCs to Tracy to assess the situation and that they had determined that federal involvement was not required. Told reporter that I would follow-up with contact information for lead agency; working with program to get that information. SF (V) OPEN: Michele Huitric

NBC4 News (Los Angeles): Reporter Jason Kandel is covering the story of cloudy water in Watts and has requested on background some process information about EPA's role in situations of this type. Working with the program to provide written response and address follow-up questions. WATER (v) OPEN: Michele Huitric

Media coverage of the Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund and Cleanup (ARC) grants:

- [YubaNet.com: Nevada City receives \\$200,000 grant to clean up Providence Mine site](#)

Media coverage of the National Wetland Condition Assessment:

- [Eureka Times-Standard: EPA: Western wetlands in poor condition](#)

WEB

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Social Media:

Environmental Justice – At the request of headquarters, posted to our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages about the public comment period for the new EJ 2020 Action Plan and linked to the Environmental Justice in Action blog, [EPA's Newest Environmental Justice Strategy Available for Public Review](#).

Web Updates:

Quality Assurance – Posted revisions to the Region 9's [Field Sampling Procedures page](#) and [Data Validation and Laboratory Quality Assurance page](#) within the national [How EPA Manages the Quality of its Environmental Data website](#).

California UIC Program Review – Added a new document to the main page and the documents page of the [California UIC Program Review website](#).

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Rep. Mike Honda (D-CA-17): Brent Maier received a follow up message from Laurie Chong, Ph.D., AMS/AAAS Congressional Science & Technology Fellow in the Office of Congressman Michael M. Honda regarding their offices' interest in hosting a roundtable/workshop in Congressman Mike Honda's District in early August that highlights EPA's waste stream tool. Ms. Chong requested that Land Division's Karen Irwin who is Region IX's Sustainable Local Government Lead participate in this roundtable/workshop. Brent let Ms. Chong know that Karen would be available in early August with the exception of Tuesday, August 9th and Thursday, August 18th. Brent asked Ms. Chong to please keep us updated as plans for this roundtable/workshop are being finalized and offered that if their office would like to schedule a follow up call at some point to discuss the roundtable/workshop, we would be happy to do that. Brent shared Karen Irwin's contact information with Ms. Chong in the event they wish to share with any of their local leaders/decision makers to encourage their people to be involved.

Congressional Outreach on EPA Action to Cleanup Mercury Contamination at Residence in Dunsmuir, CA: Brent Maier shared a write-up by our Superfund Division with Congressional and State elected staff in the offices of Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein and Rep. Doug LaMalfa and State Senator Ted Gaines and State Assemblymember Brian Dahle U.S. EPA Superfund Division Emergency Response Section cleanup of mercury contamination at a residence in Dunsmuir, CA that we thought their offices would find of interest. Josh F.W. Cook
Chief of Staff to Assemblyman Brian Dahle sent a note of thanks for sharing this information.

California Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee Staff Inquiry: Brent Maier shared a follow up note from Water Division's David Albright, and Mike Montgomery called and left a message with Katharine Moore, Ph.D., Committee Staff who sat in on the recent call that Acting RA Strauss had with Sen. Fran Pavley regarding the UIC Program. Katharine had a follow up question with respect to the UIC program subsequently that she wanted US EPA's perspective on whether UIC projects can encompass dozens of injection wells or whether a UIC project can include only one injection well. Mike Montgomery left Katharine a message and asked her to call him back at her convenience.

Preparations for Upcoming Meeting on Thursday, June 2nd at 10:00am with Congressman Mark Amodei and Alexis: Brent Maier sent a note out to Program Divisions to check on the status of materials being prepared to brief Alexis for the upcoming meeting she has scheduled with Congressman Mark Amodei of Nevada on Thursday, June 2nd. It is likely that Congressman Amodei is expecting an update on the Anaconda/Yerington Mine Site and perhaps Eureka Smelters. Brent has also asked the Congressman's scheduler, Rachel Provost, to let us know if there are other topics of interest so that Alexis can be prepared to discuss any other issues of interest. Brent also copied the Division Directors and Deputies in our Enforcement, Water, Air, Land Divisions and Office of Regional Counsel to make them aware of the upcoming meeting with Congressman Amodei and Alexis and for them to decide if there is an issue within their Program that could either come up in the discussion with Congressman Amodei, or that we may wish to highlight at that meeting. There is a pre-brief with Alexis on the calendar for Tuesday, May 31st from 2:00pm – 2:45pm for her meeting with Congressman Amodei. Brent would like to have any materials sent to by COB Monday, May 30th so that they can be compiled and finalized into a folder of materials for Alexis. Brent Maier has pre-registered Congressman Amodei with the building to expedite the building security process. Brent sent a request to Rachel provost seeking any topics of interest that the Congressman would like to raise or receive updates on and we are awaiting a response.

House Rules Committee: The House Rules Committee met today to consider rules for debate on H.R. 2576, the newly unveiled final bill to overhaul the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) negotiated by House and Senate legislators. The panel is expected to clear the bill for a May 24th House vote, with Senate consideration to follow soon after. House Energy & Commerce Committee ranking member Rep.

Frank Pallone (D-NJ), who had raised concerns over the bill, announced May 23 he is now prepared to support it. <https://rules.house.gov/bill/114/hr-2576-sa>

Sen. Jeff Flake (R-AZ): Brent Maier has confirmed an upcoming call with Chuck Podolak, Natural Resources Policy Advisor in the DC Office of Senator Jeff Flake with Water Division Director Tomas Torres and David Albright for Friday, May 27th at 11:00am PT for a discussion on the status of the proposed UIC Florence Copper, Inc. permit.

This Week's Meetings, Congressional Hearings & Markups:

Tuesday, May 24, 2016 – Senate Environment and Public Works Committee – The Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife will hold an oversight hearing entitled, “Erosion of Exemptions and Expansion of Federal Control –Implementation of the Definition of Waters of the United States.” States seeking to overturn the jurisdiction rule are currently arguing that district court cases over its legality should continue even after the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit held that such suits should be heard in appellate courts -- a question that is just one of the many thorny legal issues surrounding the policy. 2:30pm ET. 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.
<http://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=3F9479F7-CA54-44B6-A202-631D86380A66>

Tuesday, May 24, 2016 – House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans - Legislative Hearing on Water Settlements: H.R. 4366 (Rep. David Valadao), To affirm an agreement between the United States and Westlands Water District dated September 15, 2015, and for other purposes. “San Luis Unit Drainage Resolution Act”; and H.R. 5217 (Rep. Jim Costa), To affirm "The Agreement Between the United States and Westlands Water District" dated September 15, 2015, "The Agreement Between the United States, San Luis Water District, Panoche Water District and Pacheco Water District", and for other purposes. “San Luis Unit Drainage Resolution Act”. 10:30am ET. 1334 Longworth House Office Building.
<http://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=400473>

Tuesday, May 24, 2016 – House Judiciary Committee - The House Judiciary Committee's task force on executive overreach is holding a May 24th hearing to examine “the many issues related to the growth in federal regulatory burdens.” The task force is part of a broad GOP agenda for regulatory reform largely aimed at EPA, that also includes greater congressional oversight of rules, strict “regulatory budgets” for agencies that would limit costs of new regulations, and cutting back judicial deference to agencies' statutory interpretations. <https://judiciary.house.gov/hearing/federal-government-autopilot-delegation-regulatory-authority-unaccountable-bureaucracy/>

Wednesday May 25, 2016 – House Appropriations Committee - Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee - FY 2017 Interior and Environment Appropriations Bill. Even though neither chamber of Congress has proposed an EPA budget this year, Democrats are already promising to stonewall any bill that would include policy riders to block key air, water and climate regulations -- all of which the GOP has long sought to include in appropriations bills. President Obama's proposed FY17 budget would boost EPA's enacted FY16 funding of \$8.14 billion up to \$8.27 billion, which would be a significant increase to the agency's appropriations that have stayed flat for years. However, the proposal would be \$320 million less than the White House's FY16 proposal to fund EPA at \$8.59 billion. The Republican Congress has consistently sought to cut the Agency's budget, but this year, in the wake of the drinking water crisis in Flint, MI, both parties have supported increases to the state revolving funds that support water infrastructure projects.
<http://appropriations.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=394555>

Thursday, May 26, 2016 – House Committee on Science, Space and Technology - Environment Subcommittee Hearing- “Impact of EPA’s Clean Power Plan on States”. 9:30am ET. 2318 Rayburn House Office Building. Witnesses: The Honorable E. Scott Pruitt, Attorney General, State of Oklahoma; Ms.

Brianne Gorod, Chief Counsel, Constitutional Accountability Center; The Honorable Charles McConnell, Executive Director, Energy and Environment Initiative, Rice University.

<https://science.house.gov/legislation/hearings/environment-subcommittee-hearing-impact-epa-s-clean-power-plan-states>

Thursday, May 26, 2016 – OCIR Briefing – OCIR will host a briefing for interested Capitol Hill staff on EPA’s proposed regulation for financial responsibility for certain hard rock mines and mineral processing facilities under CERCLA Section 108(b).

Upcoming Congressional Hearings:

Tuesday, June 14, 2016 - House Energy and Commerce Committee - Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy will hold an Oversight Hearing of CERCLA Program. EPA Witness: Mathy Stanislaus, AA OLEM

June (tentative) - Senate Environment and Public Works Committee - Oversight hearing of EPA’s Enforcement Program before the. EPA Witness: TBD

Legislative Action:

May 19, 2016 - Legislation Coming Up - H.R. 897: Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2015. This bill has been added to the House’s schedule for the coming week, according to the House Majority Leader. Last Action: This bill is provisionally dead due to a failed vote on May 17, 2016 under a fast-track procedure called "suspension." It may or may not get another vote.